remunerative prices to the coconut growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a)and (b) The price of coconut has fallen in the year 1985 due to better crop during the current year, as compared to the unusually high price in 1984. Price in 1985 is, however, still higher than the yearly average prices in 1982 and 1983.

(c) The State Government has started procurement of copra through Kerala State Co-operative Marketing Federation and Kerala Coconut Development Corporation from 27th June, 1985 at a price higher than the ruling market price. It is proposed to continue copra procurement till the price of coconut is stabilized.

Misutilisation of Bank Funds meant for IRDP

1141. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governor of Reserve Bank of India recently stated at a Bangalore seminar that there was misutilisation of bank funds in several areas of the country's under IRDP as per sample studies made by the R.B.I. and NABARD;

(b) whether necessary changes in the modalities of implementing the IRDP are being made to make it more broadbased and result oriented; and

(c) if so, the broad outlines thereof and whether these will be made effective during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) The Governor, RBI, referred to sample studies of RBI and NABARD which indicated some deficiencies like defective identification of beneficiaries, bottlenecks relating to availability raw material and marketing difficulties etc., thus leading to misutilisaion of funds in several cases. He emphasised that while these findings could not be taken as representative of the situation in general, they need careful attention .

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Among the steps taken are the streamlining of identification of beneficiaries, revised criteria for allocation of funds and targets on the basis of selectivity related to the incidence of poverty, a cluster approach with emphasis on backward and forward linkages including identification of a nodal organisation at each district or setting up of a new district supply and marketing society, organisation of beneficiaries, training and, above all, developing an effective system of concurrent field level monitoring. A High Level Committee has also been set up to review the existing administrative arrangements for rural development and poverty alleviation programmes.

New Research Centres of ICAR

1142. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of States where the Inidan Coencil of Agricultural Research proposes to set up research centres during 1985-86;

(b) what are the crops proposed to be covered;